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Applicants herein respond to the Office Action mailed January 12, 1999 ("Paper 23"). Enclosed herewith please find a petition for a one-month extension of time so as to make this response timely.

IN THE CLAIMS

94. (Amended) A helper probe/~~[consisting essentially of]~~ comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of [:] SEQ. ID NO: 9[,] and SEQ ID NO: 10.

95. (Amended) A helper probe [consisting essentially of] comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of [:] SEQ. ID NO: 4[,] and SEQ ID NO: 5.